

Dear Potential ECO-MEET Participants,

Lakewood Discovery Center invites you to join us for our 10th Annual Regional ECO-MEET, scheduled for *Thursday, October 7, 2010*. This event is a great opportunity for area students to participate in scholastic competition. The goal of ECO-MEET is to provide a competitive atmosphere that promotes education as well as interest in our natural environment. Lakewood is one of nine regional meets held in the state. Participants at regional meets compete for scholarship money and the chance to advance on to the *state competition, held this year at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center and Camp Aldrich, Thursday November 4*.

Students compete in teams of three or four, as well as individually. For a history of ECO-MEET as well as additional information about this event, please refer to the enclosed ECO-MEET Fact Sheet.

The Lakewood Regional ECO-MEET is open to the first 20 teams to register and pay their registration fees. Space is on a first come, first serve basis. Coaches may bring up to 4 teams per school. We will acknowledge receipt of your registration forms and fees by telephone or E-mail. After 28 teams have paid, registration will close. Coaches need not supply us with team rosters initially. We must know, however, the number of teams each school plans to bring. Team rosters should be supplied by no later than Friday, October 1. The official registration form is included in this packet.

The Lakewood Regional ECO-MEET covers schools from an eight county area, including Saline, Ellsworth, Ottawa, Dickinson, Chase, Marion, McPherson, and Cloud counties. For more information about ECO-MEET consult your fact sheet or visit www.kansasecomeet.org/. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us at Lakewood Discovery Center.

We hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you,

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